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## PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER ON SNAKE RIVER ISLANDS WILDERNESS STUDY

A study which indicated that 68 of the 74 islands in the Snake River of Idaho and Oregon are suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System will be discussed at public hearings this month, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Hearings are scheduled Sept. 29 in Ontario, Oregon (9 a.m., Malheur County Library, 388 S.W. Second Ave.), and Sept. 30 in Boise, Idaho (9 a.m., Interagency Fire Center, 3905 Vista Ave.).

The islands are located along 110 miles of the river and are part of the Service's Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. The wilderness proposal totals 812 acres.

A map and other information about the wilderness study are available from the Refuge Manager, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 1457, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing or written comments can be sent to the Regional Director by October 30, 1972, when the hearing record will be closed.

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